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Ms. Lindi Legare
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Re: Thomas M. Bultman Amendment to Personal Data Questionnaire - Question 36

Dear Ms. Legare:

I am amending my responses to question 36, which appeared on page 8 of my previously submitted Personal Data Questionnaire to include three civil actions. The question was: Have you ever been sued by a client? Have you ever been named a party (personally or professionally) in or had a pecuniary interest in any civil or criminal proceeding? If so, give the details, including, but not limited to, dates and resolutions.

My amendments are as follows:

1. <u>Fleet Real Estate Funding Corporation vs. Buddie L. Fowler, Betty C. Fowler and Thomas M. Bultman</u> (Docket Number 92-CP-43-348) which was brought in the Court of Commons Pleas, Third Judicial Circuit, Sumter County, South Carolina, which was a mortgage foreclosure action against the Fowlers in connection with the residence located at 2740 Hummingbird Road, Dalzell, South Carolina.

I represented Betty Fowler in the divorce action which her husband brought against her. That action was entitled <u>Buddie Fowler vs. Betty Fowler</u> (Docket Number 91-DR-43-812). Family Court Judge Marion D. Myers in the Amended Divorce Decree, which was dated April 23, 1992, required Buddie Fowler to pay me an attorney's fee award of \$3,000.00, which is the reason Fleet made me a party Defendant to the foreclosure action; and

2. <u>Barbara S. Francisco vs. Joseph T. McElveen, Jr. and Thomas M. Bultman</u> (Docket Numbers 1996-CV-43-1011608 and 1996-CV-1011612O) which were brought in the Magistrate's Court for Sumter County, South Carolina. Barbara S. Francisco represented herself.

My law partner Joseph T. McElveen, Jr., in 1991, represented Barbara S. Francisco in a divorce action which she brought against her husband Willie Jean Francisco. Unfortunately, our firm's files for those two actions were shredded years ago and the Sumter County Magistrate's Court does not have any files for those cases, but those two cases are shown as having been settled on the Sumter County Magistrate's computer records. My law partner, Joseph T. McElveen, Jr, believes he met with his former client and she agreed for the actions to be dismissed.

This will confirm our telephone conversation which took place on Thursday, September 21, 2017, in which you informed me you would provide my screening attorney Steve Davidson with this letter.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Bultman

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Amendment to Personal Data Questionnaire (Questions 15 and 43) and Amendment to Confidential Financial Net Worth Statement

Dear Ms. Legare:

I am amending my responses to questions 15 and 43 of my previously submitted Personal Data Questionnaire.

Question 15, which appeared on page 4 of my previously submitted Personal Data Questionnaire, was: (a) If you are a candidate for Family Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience within each of the following Family Court practice areas: divorce and equitable division of property, child custody, adoption, abuse and neglect, and juvenile justice. Include information about cases you have handled in each of these practice areas, or if you have not practiced in an area, describe how your background prepared you to preside over such matters as a Family Court Judge.

My amended response follows:

In 1987 I joined the Bryan Law Firm where I am currently the managing partner. When I joined the Bryan Law Firm, I practiced family law exclusively. More recently, I expanded my practice to also handle Social Security and VA disability cases; however, family law has been my practice's focus for over thirty years. I am a certified Family Court mediator and I regularly serve in that capacity

Since 1987, I have handled hundreds of cases involving the issues of divorce and equitable division of property, and child custody. I have handled numerous adoption cases, abuse and neglect cases, and juvenile justice cases.

As to abuse and neglect cases and juvenile justice cases, for many years I handled those cases to which I had been appointed, as well as for all other members of the firm who had been

court appointed.

I have appealed family law cases to the South Carolina Court of Appeals and I have been a speaker at the South Carolina Bar's continuing legal education seminars on family law issues.

Since 1991 I have been a certified fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and I have served as secretary, treasurer, president elect, president, and immediate past president of the South Carolina Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

I was an expert witness on South Carolina family law in a case which was brought in West Palm Beach, Florida, which involved the validity of a premarital agreement which the parties' executed when both were residents of South Carolina.

Question 43, which appeared on page 9 of my previously submitted Personal Data Questionnaire, was: Itemize (by amount, type and date) of all expenditures, other than for travel and room and board made by you, or on your behalf in furtherance of your candidacy for the position you seek. If you have spent over \$100.00, have you reported your expenditures to the House and Senate Ethics Committees?

My amended response follows:

The following expenses associated with my letters dated September 15, 2017, to the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives and Senate which notified that I was a candidate for Family Court Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 1: postage was \$78.40; letterhead was \$5.59; color copies and copy paper were \$13.76; and envelopes were \$3.52 for a total is \$101.27. No letters were sent to any member of the South Carolina House of Representatives or the Senate who are serving on the Judicial Merit Selection Commission.

I will be filing a report of my expenditures with the House and Senate Ethics Committees.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Bultman

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